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COUNTRY	Albania	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Rihnas (Preze) and Berat-Kucove Airfields <i>(concrete runways, parking facilities for p/c; forced labor; drainage facilities, radar installation)</i>	DATE DISTR.	18 April 1958
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### Rihnas Airfield

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2. The runway is 3,000 meters long, 80 meters wide and runs north to south. It is paved with concrete blocks, each 23 centimeters thick and 2.70 meters square. Underground drainage ditches parallel the runway on either side.
3. Opposite the runway, on the east side, there are 36 aircraft parking spaces which are paved with concrete blocks and uncovered. The parking spaces are connected to both ends of the runway by a road which is 25 meters wide.
4. In January 1958, the airfield was still under construction and contained three large barracks and three warehouses or repair shops in addition to the runway, all of which are shown in Attachment A.
5. In addition to the 2,000 prisoners from the forced labor camp at Rihnas, there are many free workers, and particularly technicians such as masons, carpenters, etc. who are working on the construction of Rihnas airfield.

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Berat-Kucove Airfield

6. Berat-Kucove airfield, constructed in 1953, is located approximately 500 meters southeast of the Ura Vajgurore-Kucove road and approximately 500 meters northeast of the Ura Vajgurore-Berat road.
7. The runway is 3,000 meters long, 60 meters wide and paved with concrete blocks, each 23 centimeters thick and 2.70 meters square. On both sides of the runway, which runs northeast to southeast, there are underground drainage ditches. A canal 10 to 15 meters wide and five meters deep runs along the southeast, north and northwest sides of the field and protects the field from flooding.
8. Opposite the runway, on the east side, there are 36 aircraft parking spaces which are uncovered and paved with concrete blocks. A road, 25 meters wide, connects both ends of the runway with the parking spaces, each of which is 17 by 21 meters in size.
9. On the south and north sides of the field there are many installations which are shown on Attachment B. A permanent radar apparatus is located on the southwest side of the field and in November 1957, Terpo observed ten jet planes on this airfield. Electricity for the field comes from the power plant at Kucove.

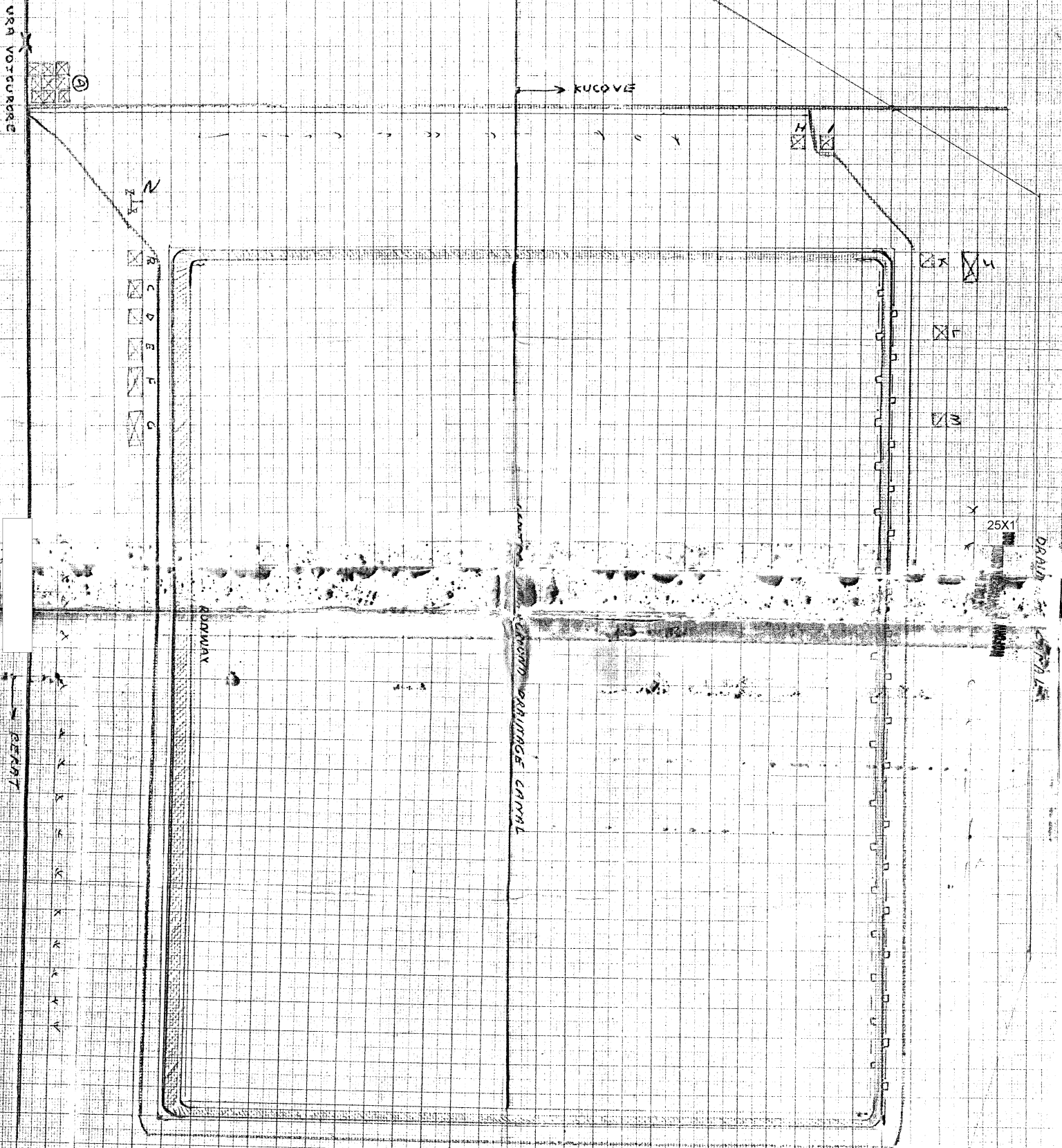
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# BERAT-KUCOVE AIRFIELD



- A: Army Barracks
- B, C, D: Air Force Barracks
- E, F, G: Warehouses or Repair Shops
- H, I: Guards Post
- J: Underground Building

SCALE: 1:10,000

K, L, M: Offices  
N: Radar Installation

SECRET

LUMI TURKUZ

A.3.C. BARBERS  
D.3.C. - 100 ft. Sides of runway

SCALE 1:10,000

UNIT

RUNWAY

CENTRAL UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE CANAL

UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION  
ON THIS SIDE

LUMI TURKUZ

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DRAINAGE CANAL

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RUNWAY AIRFIELD  
G-35-53 (May 1950) 1:100,000 (Scale 1:100,000)

EMERGENCY LANDING CAMP

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